

REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for careful examination of the currently pending application, and allowance of Claims 1-12 and 14-18.

Claim 13 has been amended to depend from allowable independent Claim 1. Support for all amendments can be found in the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 USC 102

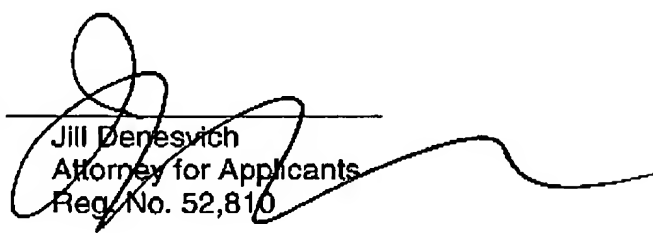
Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,545,122 to Elsner et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Elsner").

In view of the above amendment, Claim 13 depends from allowable independent Claim 1 adds further limitations thereto and is deemed allowable. Applicants submit that this rejection is now moot, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The claims presented herein are in condition for allowance and notice of such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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